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No. 2.

'Varsity Ball Cancelled
The war comes and the University
Ball goes. It is the oldest dance and has been an annual function since It is rather formal, as Viceroyalty and the governors of the university are invited and debs. are presented. It is sad it has to go, but the Sports Association, which runs it, has decided that, as the profits (ranging from — £7 to £20) would have to go to the Red Cross Funds, it is not worth while carrying it on, as it entails an enormous amount of work and organization with little reward.

Debating Again

With the international and the internal situation both bristling with difficult questions, in which there are marked differences of entires the marked differences of opinion, the prospects for 1940 debating are good. Many of the leading speakers are

still in camp, but a start will be made to-morrow week at 1.20 in the George Murray Hall, when the subject for debate will be, "That the Ministry of Information Should Be Abolished." The experiment of setting up a politically controlled department for the education of the nation seems to be a new one in Australia, and the subect should supply the opportunity for a discussion of several interesting points arising from this aspect of the war. Several freshers will speak in the debate, which will be thrown open

to the house.

The Debating Committee plans to hold the first big Union Debating Night soon after men return from camp. The subjects will be of major and topical importance; it is hoped to have a visiting speaker down for the occasion. Watch out for notice of

We strongly urge all freshers to take an interest in debates. You don't have to join a society or pay any fee. Just place your name on the notice board and the committee will see that you are given an oppor-tunity in keeping with the amount of

experience you have had.

Debating is not a faculty affair; the scope of discussion covers an endless variety of matters, ranging from international matters to questions internal to the university and the student body. If you have any ideas and want to express them and hear others express theirs, put your name down on the list and, in any event, come and listen on Wednesday week. If you're worried about your work,

remember debating will take up very little of your time.

### Coming Events

Sunday, March 19.

The inaugural meeting of the course in Physical Education.

Speaker, Prof. Goldby. At 5.30 p.m. in the Philosophy Lecture

Science Association meeting in the

Wednesday, March 20. A.G.M., Men's Hockey Club, in the room opposite the shop at 1,20

A.G.M., Athletic Club. A.G.M. of Medical Students' Society in the George Murray Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21.

An S.C.M. address by Rev. Norman Lade on "The Significance of Easter," in the George Murray Hall at 1.20 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2.

University Swimming Carnival at the Unley Crystal Pool at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 5. Commencement Ball in the Refectory.

# Shall It Be Bankruptcy?

Figuratively speaking, the Sports Association is scratching its head and wondering if the present financial condition can be stood much longer. Suggestions for improvements are varied and all are unpopular in some

Faced with the imminent financial crisis predicted for us by financial experts and/or pessinists, the union and the Sports Association are con-strained to devise sundry means of securing their financial position.

Some think that the surest way to do this is to raise the membership fee for both these bodies, thus laying in a store of "boodle" against the lean times to come. Others prefer to trust to the dispensations of Providence, hoping to "muddle through."

#### RAISING THE FEE.

When a suggestion such as that of raising the fees is put forward, there are very important considerations to be taken into account. We must bear in mind that probably the majority Sports Association members are people who are at the university by the sweat of their brow, and that any increase in the fees whatever would certainly result in making it harder for them.

Besides this, I believe that the main

reason for any such move is the fear that, owing to the war, there will be less members. Surely this reason be-comes null and void when two hun-dred men freshers alone have arrived this year, not counting the women, who, being yet in the transitory stage between "grub" and "butterfly," are harder to keep track of.

#### GRADS. AND NON-GRADS.

Before we consider any suggestion about raising the fees, it would be as well to consider certain statistics. It has been estimated that out of 2,700 persons who attend lectures at the university, nine hundred only pay union and Sports Association fees. Surely there is "something rotten in the state of Denmark" while this is so. Before raising the fees, should we not extract fees from these drones who batten on the resources of

Immediately a storm of protest arises. What of the non-graduating students who cannot get the full advantages of the Sports Association? They, of course, will not wish to pay the same amount as those who can enjoy all the advantages that such membership implies. Unfortunately, they have not the time.

#### WOMEN PAY 35/-.

Another course is open. Why not charge the women the same as the men Such a storm of protest would arise that any mere male would quail before it. "Mulier est hominis confusio." For those who know not Latin, we quote Chancer, "Woman is mannes joy and all his bliss." But still it does seem grossly unfair that the men should hav nearly twice as the men should pay nearly twice as

much as the women.

However, it is perfectly obvious that there is something radically wrong with a system which makes some pay and others not, and makes some pay more than others. To our way of thinking, all the systems either proposed or in existence have something about them not quite "comme il fant."

#### COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP.

One solution, and it has been offered in all sincerity as the fairest, is the system already used by some universities. By this system, we would make entry to the union and the Sports Association compulsory. Don't panic, please! This suggestion is not as the suggestion of other men, but a suggestion based on sound common sense.

If, because of the war, membership will decrease, we must definitely recuperate our fluances. But why do so at the expense of those who perhaps will be called up soon, and will thus lose any advantages they may get? Here is our answer. Compulsory membership of the union will lead to a further enjoyment of the communal life which the union offers to its members. We may go one better than "Business as usual." Let us have "Business better than ever."

As for the Sports Association?
Compulsory membership would certainly interest.

tainly instil the desire to get something for their money, and how could we better realize the national aim of strong in sport? "Mens sana in corpore sano." We would be ready for the call.

### Women's Union A.G.M.

Annual general meetings can hardly be called the highlights of 'Varsity life, but they are necessary evils and the sooner dispensed with the better. The Women's Union held its A.G.M. on Wednesday, 13th, and obtained a large attendance by the bribe of a dinner beforehand. The annual report, like all its kin, was matter of fact and comprehensive. In some branches there was increased activity but in others interest lapsed.

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE.

The report concerning the Women's College was most satisfactory. A gift College was most satisfactory. A gift of £5,000 from an anonymous benefactor and of £50 from Miss Nora Stewart have meant that the shadow of a college has become the framework of St. Anne's. Yet there is still much to do to give it flesh and being. We must congratulate the treasurer on making the balance sheet balance, as they have a habit of heing difficult

as they have a habit of being difficult and also showing a profit of £1 9/1, and we feel that as long as we can get our 4d. interest from John Martin's we will tide over the evil day of

#### WOMEN AND THE WAR.

The president then introduced business which had been brought up by a women's committee at the National Union Conference. A question of considerable importance was discussed with regard to the position of women and the war. One plan is to organize to raise funds and comforts for persons affected by the war. The term "women of the University" includes undergraduates, graduates, wives of staff, lecturers, and demonstrators. It was decided that every student who was interested should try to make one garment a term and that one of the small rooms in the Lady Symon Building should be used as a depot. A motion was also introduced providing for the election of a committee to control the funds raised by dances for the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund. The committee consisted of Misses E. Irwin P. Alderman, E. Ross, M. Yates, H. Ferres, B. Oldham, A. Hogben, and H. Church.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND WELFARE WORK.

The question of the establishment of a degree course in Domestic Science was considered. Some of the subjects studied would be English, French, Physiology, Hygiene, French, Physiology, Hygiene, Dietetics, Psychology, and Political Science.

The last resolution was that the women's organization of each university should undertake child welfare work, such as individual teaching of crippled children assistance to free kindergarten, and work in investigating the child deliverency and other ing into child delinquency and other social welfare departments. In Sydney there is a university settlement in one of the slum areas by a committee of students. In Melbourne social work by undergraduates is just beginning. The last two questions were introduced for students to discuss among themselves before a meeting is called. So come with plenty of ideas.

#### DEBATING.

It has been expressed by many women students that they would like to debate but not in front of a large audience (actually there seems little danger of this). A sub-committee, consisting of Misses E. Irwin, E. Ashton, B. Wagner, E. Carter, and E. Teesdale Smith, was formed to arrange debates among women. Look out for a notice in students. the Lady Symon Building.

#### **Student Concessions**

This year the Australian Broadcasting Commission offers members of the union a special concession rate if they wish to attend the series of celebrity orchestral recitals, to be held in the Town Hall throughout 1940. There are six concerts in all, each presenting a visiting conductor and celebrity solo artiste. The conductors include Sir Thomas Beecham, Antal Dorati, Bernard Heinze, Schneevoigt, and Cade, and the solo artistes include many world-famous artistes.

Members took the opportunity to attend the concerts last year under the same concession scheme, and since preferential reservations granted to last year's subscribers, these members had better arrange to have their seats reserved. scriptions for 1940 are as follows:

"A" Class Reserve: £1 9/4. "B" Class Reserve: £1 1/3.
"C" Class Reserve: 15/1. Each member will receive a booklet of six tickets for the subscription.

Tickets are obtainable through G. L. Amos. Please give your names in early, since it appears that there will be heavy booking this year.

INAUGURAL MEETING

### Diploma Course

IN

### Physical Education

The Vice-Chancellor will preside

Speaker: PROF. GOLDBY

TO-DAY at 5 p.m.

in the

Philosophy Lecture Room

#### On the Trail

By The Watchdog.

So Finland has surrendered; and on the express grounds that she could not trust the promises made by her fellow-democracies. How unpleasant of the Finus not to trust our word. Yet how right. Remember China? Yet how right. Remember China? Abyssinia? Austria? Czecho-Slovakia? Poland? They were countries once which asked us to carry out our promises.

The defeat of Finland has immensely strengthened the German bloc. It means:

- (1) That a large Russian army has been released for service
- elsewhere, That the wastage of Russian
- war supplies has stopped,
  (3) That Sweden will now be unable to resist the political pressure of Germany and must hand over her iron ore or fight,
- (4) That one flank of the German position has been rendered impenetrable.

Of course it would have been difficult to get help through to Finland. The really unwise (to use a neutral sort of word) thing was to give tongue so sympathetically when Finland was being pressed by the Soviet, and then leave the Finns in the lurch. Such perforances are not calculated to increase the confidence of the small Balkan countries in the efficacy of Allied support.

#### THE COAL STRIKE.

After the Commonwealth Arbitration Court had refused to allow certain of their demands, the coalminers have declared a strike. Two questions immediately arise. First, in a state which has a system of industrial arbitration the awards of which are legally enforceable, can a strike or lock-out against an award ever be justifiable. From a purely legalistic point of view the answer must be, No. But very few people believe that all laws are right. It is easy to think of cases in which to obey a law may seem to an individual to be morally wrong. In such a case, would it be right to obey the law? And how, if it is always wrong to break a law, can the law ever be changed?

This question is, in the case of the coal strike, complicated by another, namely, when a country is fighting for its life, is it right that that section of the community which is theoretically most opposed to the political views of the enemy should deliberate ly attempt to paralyze the national war effort? The fact that they can strike at all at such a time is the measure of their freedom. The fact that they do strike is the measure of their confusion. For under Nazi rule the punishment for strikes may be

#### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Of the following extracts two might have been better expressed; one should never have been expressed at all. Three guesses. Correct solution enclosed 6d. in stamps, sex, and tele-

phone number.
(1) "Nobody has been more sympathetic to the gallant efforts of Finland than the Queen, who, immediately she knew the most pressing needs of the Finnish people, began to do her best to supply some of them. The large parcel of woollen shirts, which was one of her first gifts, has been received and has given great pleasure. The shirts themselves were more than welcome, but the thought which prompted so useful a gift will not soon be forgotten in Finland . . . Some of the garments have been stitched by the Queen herself . "—
"Advertiser," March 14, 1940.
2) "The miners are fighting the

Arbitration Court, and, on the specious issue of "uniformity," have made the principle involved a specious one."—"Advertiser," March 13, 1940.
(3) ". . . in New York the Birth

Control Federation has announced a nation-wide campaign of planued parenthood. President Roosevelt's mother is in sympathy with the movement . . ."-"Advertiser," January 26,

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### **News Is Scarce**

The size of "On Dit" has been cut down, partly as a war measure, partly to prevent its being filled with rubbish. But if someone doesn't hurry up and get a bit interested in something, it will get steadily more rubbishy.

We do not exactly enjoy begging you to show interest in matters that affect you more than us. We have twelve columns for you to express your opinion through and, although we're not very hopeful, we are still waiting.

What happened down here last week? Two S.C.M. teas and a freshers' tea given by the women students. That's a lovely lot to fill twelve columns with.

Did you hear that there was a war on? The Department of Information wrote and told the editors, and asked us also if we had any suggestions that would help the Empire win the war. We hadn't got any suggestions, we regretted, but have you? Are you going to sit back and let the committees arrange everything for you without even letting people know if you approve or not? It's still not too late, but "tempus fugit."

Last week Finland sang her swan song. On the next day an A.I.F. brigade marched through the city — a final gesture before embarkation.

It is now coming home to everyone that the Allies aren't going to have quite such an easy victory after all. Poland, the Baltic States, now Finland though we fought in none of them, we gave them our "unlimited support" and now they're gone. We're not doing as well as we hoped, and it's about time Australians snapped out of their trance and began to realize it.

### Contemporary Oxford

By L. F. Crisp.

For a few weeks after war broke out everything was chaotic. You will possibly have seen what I wrote to the "Advertiser" about those first days so I shall not go over it here. On the second day of term, I heard a lecturer call 1936 "pre-war," and another spoke of something "between the wars"—adjustment of mind was strange-sounding at first, but rapid and complete. The university opened with sixty to seventy per cent. of its numbers and for various reasons that numbers and for various reasons that number has now increased or maintained itself rather than declined. Now all those with Finals within nine months can postpone their coscription date. The National Union is petitioning the Government to allow all students who have already successfully passed first year to finish their courses. Meanwhile, the men called up are being trained; some have now joined their trained units - others, on finishing training have been sent back here till something is ready for them. Strangely enough, the first Ballion man killed in action and possibly the first Oxonian) was twenty-nine-yearold Claus Krupp von Bohlen, son of the armaments family, who was in the German Air Force.

Apart from blackouts, the departure of a few lecturers to Government work, and the influx of twelve thousand evacuees, Oxford was surprisingly normal. Rhodes scholars did some A.R.P. work and a few are doing some rather more interesting voluntary work for Chatham House - now a Government department. About half the colleges had to be vacated for other purposes—some to take parts of the evacuated London University.

Of all the universities, London has been hardest hit - it had to scatter to the four winds, as its buildings were wanted. Thus Bristol, various towns in Wales, Scotland, and the Midlands took parts of it. The London School of Economics and Political Science went to Cambridge; some of the medical students, the School of Slavonic Studies, and Westfield College came to Oxford. Theirs was a strange position of having to work for London exams, but to attend Oxford lectures and be students of Oxford as far as discipline and privileges go. For the first time in history the caps and

gowns of a "foreign university" form an accredited part of the Oxford scene. Many of these students are much poorer than most at Oxford. College charges are high and Oxford tradespeople and lodging house keepers have geared their prices to old style Oxford purses. The medical students, after trying to get rates of less han £4 4/- plus extras at a college at which they were billeted, went on rent strike. Gradually, these medical students and others are going back to London. It has been said that London University has lost at least half its students — many could not follow it into the wilderness. It has restarted night work in London, which will be a small help but not much to many students.

Here in Oxford we have the help of quite a number of Germans and Austrians on our staffs — particularly in the social sciences. They are glad of jobs and Oxford is glad to get distinguished teachers — many of them are world authorities in their own special-Thus in my faculty this term — of social sciences — I have seventy-seven courses of lectures or classes to choose from despite the war and the drain, in particular, of economists. Of these, eleven courses are given by exiles who have come from the continent in recent years. And at least two Balliol tutors are refugees. It is our privilege to learn from them and Germany's loss. And it is common to hear German spoken freely and unrestrainedly in the streets at this unhappy time. I was at a party the other day consisting of five English students, three Czechs, two Spaniards, an Egyptian, two Indians, a New Zealander, three Canadians, two Americans, a German, and three Australians. I am able to go to lectures of men from Heidelberg, Berlin, Boun, and Freiburg, and to the great former newspaper editor and author, Rudolph Olden.

One innovation in Oxford is a system whereby those who come up until they are conscripted at twenty may do "groups" (exams, in various subjects each term) - the results to be credited to them towards a degree. This is quite a revolution for Oxford, where annual exams, have not raised their wretched heads. For those who

#### Front Office News

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

The Tuesday following Easter Monday is, per usual, a holiday.

#### TRAFFIC RULES.

New rules relating to traffic in the university grounds will shortly be issued and students and others using motor vehicles in the grounds are requested to co-operate in preserving

The main drive will be used for one-way traffic only, i.e., IN traffic, and the speed will be reduced. It is hoped that as soon as the western gate is ready it will be used, and the western path along that road.

#### J. G. GOVERNLOCK.

Mr. Governlock, a third year Mus. Bac, student, has been awarded a £20 prize by the Australasian Performing Right Association for the best original pianoforte composition.

#### APPLE POSTER CONTEST.

A prize of twenty guineas is being offered by the Australian Apple and Pear Board for the best Loster sketch design submitted in connection with the present national apple and pear

publicity campaign.
Entries close at the offices of the Apple and Pear Board, 328 Collins

Street, Melbourne, on April 10. Particulars may be had from Mr. Eardley.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"The remembrance of founders and early teachers who, by their lives and precepts, fostered the spirit of free inquiry, love of knowledge and scientific investigation. The University of Pennsylvania invites the colleges, universities, and learned societies of the Old and New Worlds to unite with it in a celebration of its blcentennial, to be held in Philadelphia on September 20 and 21, in the year 1940."

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can proceed to Finals they are not compulsory. Some English students with special abilities have been given non-military jobs of importance, where they may be of full value to the country.

Student affairs gʻo diminished. There are the usual numberless clubs and societies — even Railway Club which meets to hear drivers, guards, porters, and signal-men talk about their jobs (that would delight at least one history student in Adelaide at present).

While Australia is much more democratic than England, England and the English seem very liberal minded. The free acceptance of Communists, despite their opposition to the war, the very liberal treatment of conscientious objectors, and the general tolerance of everyone towards those two minority opinions says much for English liberalism. It is true there may be changes if and when fighting begins in earnest, but everyone seems to hope not.

And, finally, a story of local in-One Baker, the latest Tasmanian Rhodes Scholar, is by nature a practical joker. At a Victoria Leaue tea last term he spread round the story that our Duncan Menzies was the son of the Australian Prime Minister but was keeping it dark. A local socialite started gushing over the poor man and invited him to dinner (he did not know why). She asked her various snob friends, who all ral-lied round with "Your father must be a busy man these days—he is doing fine work," and so on. The truth dawned but Duncan, after playing them a little, disabused all minds and deflated all aspirations. The dinner was good, though.

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G. Willoughby. Four Representatives of Women Students: D. Jacobs, M. Cowell, M. Crook, P. Viner Smith.

Sports Association Representative: B.

A. Magarey. Editor of "On Dit": P. Viner Smith.

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Magarey. Chairman Women's Union; Miss E. Irwin.

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Chairman Women's Union: Miss E. Irwin.

Two Elective Members: G. M. Neuenkirchen, T. A. Hutton,

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PUBLICATIONS. E. F. Johnston, O. E. Nichterlein, R. A. Blackburn.

### Correspondence

CONSTIPATION CONSCIOUS.

I was sitting by a wireless set the other day, with my feet on the mantelpiece and my mind far away, borne on the wings of a spot of pleasant music, when the old wings crumpled up and let my mind down a peg to the plane of every-day trivialities, and all because a scion of some drug manufacturing establishment was pouring forth a quantity of tripe re a particular constination cure. I had to listen because I was at least three feet from the station selector knob on the set it was one of those hot days earlier in the week.

Said scion was an ardent advocate f Dr. Somebody's Larger Liver Lozenges or something, and it appeared from the monologue that about three million Australian women either needed their aid or were taking them and would the remaining odd million females consider a trial packet — good for men too, and only ten bob a course of a hundred.

I was plain disgusted, to say the least, and cursed Dr. Somebody for disturbing my reveries and the commercial station from which the tripe was broadcast for being so misguided as to broadcast it, because the direct result of their doing so would be to have ninety per cent. of their listeners at that particular moment change to some other station immediately.

Mind. I'm not meaning about radio advertising in general, but only those advertisements which use propaganda designed to make a people indelicately constination conscious. If a person is constipated, obviously the correct being to approach on the matter is the family doctor, and not the seller of quack remedies, whose particular product may not suit the case at all, and may do harm.

However, I don't know anything about the material effects of these remedies. What I don't like is their radio publicity, which, in my opinion, is disgusting and unnecessary, and should be banned.—Yours sincerely,

IVAN APPLEBY DAY.

#### INTER-VARSITIES.

Dear Sir,

I feel that the special general meeting of the Sports Association to discuss the question of the abandonment of inter-'Varsity sport was not altogether satisfactory. It seems to me that it was the wording of the resolu-tion, not its intention, which caused its downfall. Surely most students agree that such an important issue as inter-'Varsity sport should be referred to the Council of the Australian Universities' Sports Association. But the wording of the resolution was such that if they agreed to this, they also advocated the abandonment of inter-Varsity sport. Would it not be more satisfactory for the question of the continuation or abandonment of inter-Varsity contests to be submitted to

the A.U.S.A., which would then submit the question to each university? Perhaps an alternative motion on these lines could be raised in each university.

1. That all inter-Varsity contests

should be abandoned.

2. That the abandonment or continuance of an inter-'Varsity should be determined by each club within each university.

If the majority of universities favoured the first resolution, inter-'Varsity contests would end for the duration of the war. If the majority favoured the second, each club would decide whether it could have an inter-'Varsity. In determining this, the financial position of the Sports Asso-In determining this, the ciation of the home team would be the chief factor as a considerable amount is required for the entertainment of visitors. If the home team could not afford this, it rather looks as though that particular sport would have to be cancelled. If, however, the home team could afford it, the student finance himself without an appeal to the public, and a full team be chosen, it seems to me that inter-'Varsity contests should go on in the same way for surely these contests are an important part of the 'Varsity life of Australia, and should not be abandoned unless absolutely necessary.— I am, yours sincerely,

MUG-WUMPS.

LET US SLIDE.

Dear Sir,

When half of the past year had been spent in erecting a superfluous structure at the side entrance of the Barr Smith, it was natural that students who had walked many wet and weary miles in polite avoidance of the constructors, should endeavour to extract a little compensaion from the resulting chromium excrescence. It is with extreme sorrow and justifiable anger at the petty tyranny of those responsible that we view the recent superimpositions which render it a thing of absolute inutility.

On issuing from the Burr after hours of sordid toil, what harm was there in turning two otherwise unused rails into a source of mild pleasure and of economy in time, energy, and boot leather? We in our innocence imagined that the authorities would appreciate the saving of menial elbowgrease, but no! servile and rheumatic jealousy of youthful exuberance and athletic ability led to the curtailment of our short-lived joy.

We have been under the illusion that coercion is a method considered undesirable in this seat of learning. If our code of behaviour does not prevent us from sliding, should we allow ourselves to be restrained by in-elegant metal baubles, which offend the aesthetic sense and absorb money which could surely have been employed more effectively.

Yours in protest, SLITHER AND SLIDE.

#### Odds and Ends

A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR GOD.

"For the first time in history the entire nation is making its appearance before the eyes of Almighty God." Hitler, March 10, 1940.

In Sunday school we used to chant In chorus with our sacred aunt: "God of the living, in Whose eyes Unveiled Thy whole creation lies."

But now it seems that we were wrong In raising thus our simple song; For, in that great All-seeing Eye There must have been a little stye

Which hid the whole Germanic race, And kent it from its rightful place. But, now this wrong has been redressed,

We hope the Eye is much impressed.

#### MODERN LITERATURE FOR NON-STARTERS.

(And we frankly admit that we cribbed this one. Our thanks are due to "Kingdom Come," the magazine of wartime Oxford.)

Mr. Noel Coward.

In 1920 Noel, sunk in sin, Lived on diet of vermouth and gin; But, since the great success of "Cavalcade,"

He lives exclusively on lemonade.

Mr. D. H. Lawrence. Lawrence said firmly: "If, when you're in bed,

You merely sleep, you might as well be dead."

G.B.S.

George Bernard Shaw disliked the taste of meat. And when he drank his milk, he drank it neat.

Mr. Aldous Huxley. Aldous, when he was quite a little lad, Discovered that most men are wholly Bad;

But since he went to live in Holly- $\mathbf{wood}$ 

He has discovered that some men are Good.

Mr. Richard Aldington. Richard Aldington removed his

vest thanked his God that he was not repressed.

Miss Dorothy Sayers. Miss Sayers brooded in an Oxford

Quad On Crime and English Literature and

God. George Meredith.

George Meredith said to himself, "I'll

To make a witty crack before I die." Until the very moment that he died He tried and tried and tried and tried and tried.

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#### Growing in the darker corners and danker haunts, you will find this year's seedlings wistfully seeking light. Unfurl, freshers! There's a place in the sun for you. Look about

year-olds, and grab your share . . . Last year's crop of freshers has brought forth a fruiting of pipes. You can see them clenched between lean jaws, the fire extinct, the thoughts

you at the tenacious grip of the one-

weighty . . . The professions are waking up. We noticed budding moustachios on a tall dental and a short med., not to mention the fluctuating fuzz on some chins. No doubt the weather was to blame for the latter, but we urge the former to come again some time . .

Speaking of the weather (with no apologies), we lately noticed the abandoned casting off of outer shellscoats, hats, gloves, and, in some cases, pants. Everywhere were Byronic necks, braces, and sweaty brows on the masculine side, while on the feminine melted make-up and an en-

chanting variety of nudity . . . In grandma's day it was Woman who showed no leg; now it is the Man - but we were intrigued by the magnificent specimens emerging from shorts, tight and loose. One

#### The Cloistered

youth obligingly answered the troublesome question—"What goes under a kilt?" in his tartan number (or numbers!!), and then there was the one in bees-back socks, tastefully striped in brown and yellow . . . Generally, lately there has been a

marked brightening up in male attire. There have been more and more coloured shirts in evidence, and an encouraging difference in the glimpse of sock caught beneath the eternal Some enterprising gentlemen select baby colours and match them to their ties. And in the neckwear line was the tropical masterpiece plastered with pineapples and palms in un-

likely setting . . . Let's organize a rabbit hunt (Easter Bunny style). Mr. Jenkins, last heard of at a far-off celebration, has completely disappeared. This useful person is much in demand at present, but there is no supply. Will anyone knowing his whereabouts, please, in the name of charity, and fine feeling, notify "On Dit." P.S.: The matter is urgent ...

While on the subject of "wanteds," here is one: Wanted, a heap of enthusiasm and a little energy. If you have either, or even nothing but a pinch of loneliness, please apply at the Union Office for a ticket for the Freshers, Commencement Social. yours are free. It will be bigger, brighter, and better, if we know anything about it . .

We feel in duty bound to warn innocent young freshmen to beware of butterflies. Identify as follows: Outward appearance: attractive, or at least pretty. Colours, more varied than the rainbow. Habits, flitting and giggling, taking the more masculine Haunts, cloistered walks subjects. (hence the deception).

be said for these charming insects. They can be found without much trouble, and are always willing . . .

We eagerly await the supreme moment when someone or other will walk into the Refectory, cross to the dais, climb upon it, sit on the chair, and begin to play something bright. We recall with delight (being somewhat lowbrow) the mornings when one or two undergrads, played for our pleasure. Will someone begin? . . . Pushing back our front hair a little,

we should like to warn you to keep your eyes on the notice boards, and particularly we are thinking at the moment of the Carnegie Gramophone Concert, little patronized but really

worth knowing more about. We recommend, too, a visit to the Swing Club, which we dare to mention in the same breath as the Carnegie because it is just as important and serious (some claim).

That awesome-looking guy you see bouncing through the Goodall Food Parlour at most times with his big belt supporting his trousers, and then some, is Straight Shooter Hamilton, who can tell you anything. Incidentally, he is the place where you get the Commencement Ball tickets . . .

The Dental Paculty has once more been graced by the fair sex. should be grateful. Also among the dentlets we have seen some fine profiles, plenty of weight, and something new in hair . .

Probably some of you new people haven't even seen a professor before. They are not rare here. But nowadays the absent-minded variety is scarce, although there is that pair of odd or odd pair or whatever of socks - one blue and one green . . . Question: Whose were the trousers gracing the Refectory lawn?

Answer: You'll never know whose, my child, but they were put there as the result of an honest-to-goodness Vaaarsity debagging ...

# JOIN THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FRESHERS! THIS MEANS YOU.

It always appears necessary to erase from the minds of a large number of freshers the entirely erroneous impression that 'Varsity sport is a luxury (if not a vice) to which only those immune to work can lend themselves. This is, of course, ridiculous. Sport is a vital sphere of 'Varsity activity which

none can honestly afford to ignore.

Of course, for those whose object in life is to develop the wistful aesthetic personality, associated with pimples, spectacles, and a pile of books, the Sports Association holds no charm (thank goodness). However, before you decide on such a sublime existence stick about and give our (fortunately few) samples the once over. Then consider the men (or women) who take a very active interest in 'Varsity sport and still manage to pass exams. with credit. If you still think work and play won't mix, then we can do without

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(2) Meet many fellow-students, whom one would otherwise never know, on a common basis.

(3) Play in inter-'Varsities.

Further details will be found in the handbook. Above all, remember you are definitely wanted.

#### Football Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Wednesday, March 27

All freshers interested in "The Australian National Game" are cordially invited to attend.

B. A. Magarey, Hon. Sec.

### University's Annual Tournament

The Adelaide University's annual tennis tournament began at the University Oval courts on Saturday. There is a record entry. The tournament will continue for several days.

Results:
Club Singles Championship: T.
Robertson d. N. Osman, 6—4, 6—4;
D. Rosenthal d. C. Kerr, 6—2, 6—1. Open Singles Championship: J.

Club Singles Handicap: P. James d. C. Kerr, 9—8; V. Potter d. C. Wardman, 9—2; D. B. Kirby d. D. T. Martin, 9—5. Moran d. E. Mills, 6-1, 6-1.

Open Singles Haudicap: N. Wallman d. D. T. Martin, 9-2, V. Potter d. B. A. Magarey, 9-8; J. Chamberlain d. W. Edwards, 9-2; Hunter d.

Rosenthal, 9-5. Club Doubles Handicap: Hodge-Dunstan d. Stevenson-Robertson, 6—5, 6—3; Snow-Mills d. Gilbert-Mitchell,

6—3; Snow-Mills (I. Gilbert-Micchell, 6—1, 6—2; Edwards-Alderman d. Osman-Carter, 6—5, 6—4.
Women's Handicap Singles: Miss J. Ridgway d. Miss J. Cleland, 9—6; Miss H. Ferres d. Miss L. Piggott, 9—6; Miss H. Chamberlain d. Miss S. Macpherson, 9—0 (forfeit).
Women's Doubles Handicap: Misses S. Eyles-E. Cavalier d. Misses E.

Women's Doubles Handicap: Misses S. Eyles-E. Cavalier d. Misses E. Carter-E. McDougall, 6—3, 6—4; Misses Mackay-Fraser d. Misses Kelly-Oxlade, 6—1, 6—2; Misses J. Cleland-H. Ferres d. Misses Bowen-Kenya, 3—6, 6—2, 6—1; Misses Hogben-Oldham d. Misses C. Cowell-M. Espie, 6—5, 5—6, 6—2.

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#### Cricket

The season now drawing to a close has not been a particularly successful one for 'Varsity. However, it has not been altogether a failure, since there have been a number of good individual performances in most matches (the erratic form characteristic of 'Varsity sport rendering these more or less in-effectual) in inter-Varsity, and one team below us most of the time.

Lonergan and Tregoning have been the most consistent bats, with Morrison and Gurner showing best bowling son that definers allowing less bowning figures. Morrison has been the mainstay of the attack and his seven wickets on Saturday was a particularly fine effort.

Gurner has been the outstanding all-rounder and both his batting and bowling have been invaluable. There's no limit to what a woman can do!

A match was played against Saint's during the last fortnight, and resulted in a comfortable win for the 'Varsity team.

### Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming (No! not the Engineers' dinner) will be held at the Unley Crystal Pool on Tuesday, April 2.

There are twelve events and all tastes are catered for. Freshers should not hesitate to enter for the

should not hesitate to enter for the 33½ yd. freshers' championship, or anything else for that matter.

Will those interested please sign their names on the sheet displayed on the Refectory notice board. The committee will do the rest.

#### Rifle Club

NEW MEMBERS WANTED.

The Rifle Club offers an opportunity to freshers and others of becoming expert in the use of the .303 rifle. Such proficiency will be extremely valuable in times such as these, and we would arge freshers seriously to consider making use of this oppor-tunity. Previous shooting experience is not necessary. Even if you have never handled a gun in your life, come down next Saturday and try your skill. There are plenty of coaches available and rifles and ammunition are available free of charge. Free train passes are also issued to Port Adelaide and free transport is sup-plied from the Port Station to the range. Members meet at the Adelaide Railway Station at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays to arrange transport. Watch the Rofectory notice board for details of the next shoot. If you are interested, consult either E. G. Robinson (capt.) or W. C. R. Brooke (secretary), or else be at the railway station on Saturday week at 12.30 p.m.

The first match of the year was held on Saturday, March 9, when the fourth M.D.R.U., match was shot at 500 yards. Members showed the effects of lack of practice and scores were low.

Best scores:

W. C. R. Brooke: 75. L. S. Burfield: 73, T. A. R. Dinning: 70. R. E. Brown: 70.

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will speak

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#### Lacrosse

FRESHERS WANTED.

All freshers are hereby advised that their services are urgently required in the coming year to fill the ranks of our lacrosse teams. Lacrosse is undoubtedly the finest winter sport in South Australia and no fresher will ever regret taking up the game.

Practice commences on March 27, the first Wednesday after Easter.

All interested are requested to (a) the hon. sec., J. D. O'Sullivan; (b) the hon. sec., J. D. O'Stillvan; (b) the hon. asst. sec., R. A. W. Snow; or the following faculty delegates: (1) Law, L. Kirkmann; (2) Medicine, D. T. Martin (also practice captain); (3) Dentistry, R. A. W. Snow; (4) Science, etc., J. Gooden; (5) Commerce, M. Titley; (6) Arts, L. Wright. Any of the above will supply all required information. Let us know soon as an formation. Let us know soon as an indication is required as to how many teams are to be entered.

J. David O'Sullivan, Hon. Sec.

### Inter-'Varsity Tennis

The annual inter-'Varsity tennis matches will be held here over Easter. Sydney, Melbourne, and Tasmania will be competing, and play will take place at the Memorial Drive and the 'Varsity.

The visitors will arrive on March 21 and will be received by the Lord Mayor on the day of their arrival.

#### Hockey Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To-morrow 1.20

Old Union Room (opp. Union Shop)

Freshers and others interested invited to attend.

Watch for date of first practice,

#### Baseball!!

Freshers and Others Interested

See Vic. Rose (Hon. Sec.) or N. Johnston (Hon. Ass. Sec.).

Watch for date of first practice.

#### Boat Club

MEETING TO-DAY 1.30, Old Union Office

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